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BRUSSELS FOR USEEC, GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: RIGHT OF MFA NON-SIGNATORIES TO SPEAK
-- AT TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING.

REF: SMITH/PHELAN TELCON MARCH 30.

1. DURING THE TRILATERAL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE
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US, EC AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT NON-
SIGNATORIES TO THE RENEWED MFA SHOULD BE PERMITTED
NEITHER TO OCCUPY SEATS ON THE TSB NOR TO SPEAK AT
TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETINGS. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT
GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL OLIVIER LONG HIMSELF FELT THIS
WAY, AND THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION AS TC CHAIRMAN NOT
TO RECOGNIZE NON-SIGNATORIES IF THEY REQUESTED THE FLOOR.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LONG'S RESOLVE HAS SLIPPED SOMEWHAT, AND HE MAY NOW BE PREPARED TO ALLOW NON-SIGNATORIES TO SPEAK AT THE APRIL 3 TC MEETING. ARTICLE 10, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE MFA SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THE TC CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "PARTIES TO THIS ARRANGEMENT." HENCE WE REMAIN FIRMLY OPPOSED TO PARTICIPATION BY NON-PARTIES, WHOEVER THEY MAY BE.

3. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED BY FACT THAT THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE (CANADA HAS NOT SIGNED THE RENEWED MFA) INTENDS TO ASK FOR THE FLOOR AND, IF RECOGNIZED, RAISE THE ISSUE OF GOC'S DISPUTE WITH THE NORDICS OVER THEIR SHARED TSB SEAT. (AT THE TRILATERAL, THE THREE DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF THE PLENARY AND LEFT TO CANADA AND THE NORDICS TO RESOLVE AMONG THEMSELVES). EVEN WORSE, THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE MAY RENEW HIS ATTEMPTS TO QUESTION THE APPLICABILITY OF "REASONABLE DEPARTURES", WHICH WOULD CREATE A SITUATION NONE OF US IS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH.

4. WE BELIEVE THE SUREST WAY TO PREVENT THIS WOULD BE FOR LONG TO STATE AT THE TC'S OPENING THAT HE WILL RECOGNIZE ONLY MFA SIGNATORIES. IN OUR VIEW THIS IS ONLY FAIR AND PROPER UNDER THE TERMS OF THE MFA AND IS, OF CONFIDENTIAL

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COURSE, NON-DISCRIMINATORY. THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TSB SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH HIS EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE COUNTERPARTS TO DETERMINE IF THEIR POSITION HAS SOFTENED OR SHIFTED. US REP SHOULD APPROACH LONG ASAP--AND URGE JAPANESE AND EC REPS TO DO LIKEWISE--TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS.

5. FOR BRUSSELS (USEEC) AND TOKYO. PLEASE APPROACH COMMISSION AND GOJ AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND REQUEST THAT THEIR GENEVA REPRESENTATIVES BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE SIMILAR APPROACH TO LONG, AND TO OPPOSE IN THE TC ITSELF (SHOULD THAT PROVE NECESSARY) RECOGNITION OF NON-SIGNATORIES. COOPER

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